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TWO CHILDREN DROWNED

SAD END OF A MAY-DAY PICNIC ON MAUI.

A cloudburst in Waihee Valley suddenly interrupts a school children's outing and floods carry Two Away.

WAILUKU, May 2.—Two children were drowned in the Waihee river on Wednesday at noon, and the lives of many were endangered by a cloudburst in Waihee valley. Hugh M. Coke, principal of the Waihee school arranged for a picnic near the river to celebrate May-day, and a nice lunch was prepared in which all the children of the Waihee school participated. Mr. Coke was assisted by Miss Morris and Miss Nawahine, and after lunch, the children amused themselves by playing about the river and on the dams across the river, until the sudden rise of waters ended the day's pleasures with a sad double tragedy.

After the children had played for about an hour, Mr. Coke prepared to start them home, but in looking up the stream, he noticed huge boulders and high water coming. He lost no time in hurrying his children across the river, but by the time they had crossed the river had risen about three feet.

Virginia Ahi, a girl about 8 years old, and one of the victims, was seen by Coke standing on a pile of stones. A huge boulder struck the pile a moment later and Virginia was seen falling into the stream, her head hitting against a rock. This was the last seen of her until her body was found a little later in the evening, about a half mile below the scene of this awful occurrence. Hattie Keawe, another little girl also fell into the raging stream, and she was carried some distance down, but luckily, Emma Timu, a companion, was brave enough to catch Hattie by the hair and thus brought her out of the rapid stream.

Moses Malaloa, another school child, was playing on the dam across the river when the river began to rise, and although Principal Coke as well as the others shouted at him to get across the river, the noise of the roaring stream made it impossible for him to hear anything, and before he could reach him the child was carried away with the stream. His body was found about 5 o'clock in the evening about a mile below where he was seized by the flood.

The sudden rise in the river was due to a cloudburst in Waihee valley, and had it not been for the quick action of Principal Coke in hurrying the children across, and doing so almost by force, more lives would probably have been lost. There were about fifty children in the party, and the lunch was given just at the junction of Waihee river and Spreckelsville ditch. Mr. Coke states that he has never seen anything of the kind before. A short time after, the river was again very low, and he is very much surprised that the river should have risen so rapidly without warning anyone of its approach. Virginia Ahi was the daughter of the Chinese merchant in Waihee, and she was very bright in school. Moses Malaloa was only a tot, not big enough to try and save himself, when the waters rose around him.

TRIP FROM NEWCASTLE.

The British bark Woolahra, arrived day before yesterday from Newcastle after a pleasant voyage of 51 days. Captain Thompson expects to be here about ten days discharging 500 tons of coal and then will proceed to Eureka to discharge the balance of his cargo amounting to 537 tons of coal. He will take lumber back to Australia from Eureka.

RICHARDSON DECLINES.

Vivian Richardson, the young man who was named by Delegate to Congress Wilcox for the West Point cadetship has declined the appointment, and another selection will have to be made. Richardson's nomination was the second one made by Wilcox. Joseph Ahi, who was first named, having failed to pass the examination at West Point. Richardson did not want, it is stated, to leave his position here for the cadetship. Wilcox has not yet made any other choice.

MYRTLE DANCE TONIGHT.

The Myrtle Boat Club will give a dance this evening at their club house. The indications are that the event will be fully as enjoyable as have been the previous dances of this club. Dancing will be held on the handsome lanai. Boats will be in attendance so that moonlight rowing parties can go about the harbor.

DIED.

KEANU.—At Wailuku, May 2, Andrew Keanu, aged 19, beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Keanu.

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UNCLE COMING TO TOWN

HONOLULU'S LONG DEARTH OF PAWNBROKERS.

Ikey Isenstein Taking Up Quarters on Upper Fort Street—No Pawnbroker License Ever Issued.

Ikey Isenstein has come to town. The uncle of the human race, long absent from Hawaii, is beginning to take up his quarters on upper Fort street and the three-ball sign may be expected before long if the thing keeps up.

Honolulu is one of the largest cities in the world that gets along without the hand-me-down man. Other cities have their three-ball rows, where Ikey attends to the wants of the man (or woman) who is broke and wants to do the collateral loan act. In Honolulu there has been scarcity of Uncles to "accommodate" the hard-ups.

Several new stores have opened recently on Fort street, above Berea, that have all the signs of the pawnbroker except the three balls, which have never yet been raised above sidewalk in Honolulu. Inside the stores are stocks of second hand furniture, and other articles.

It is considered by some people a great credit to Honolulu that with its population there has never been enough pawnbroker business to make any Uncle willing to pay for a pawnbroker's license. A law was passed in 1886 licensing pawnbrokers, and there is not a single license on record yet. The law is not specially hard on the money-lending gentry, though the license is rather high. They are not to charge over 4 per cent. per month or 48 per cent. per year, on loans of \$20 or under, 2 per cent. per month up to \$100 and one per cent. over that. This hits them on the very small loans. A pawnbroker in the states who couldn't get fifty cents for loaning a dollar or two for a few weeks, would think he was being done up.

The license for pawnbrokers is \$150 per year. In the 15 years that have passed since the law was passed, not a single uncle has considered Honolulu collateral money-lending business worth that sum, so that not one license has ever been taken out.

At present there are several men in town who attend all the auction sales and are laying in stocks of second hand goods. They are opening stores where the hand-me-down class of goods is on hand, and it is only a step to the pawnbroker's business from that of the second-hand man.

We have never had any pawnbrokers here," said High Sheriff Brown, "because they have never wanted to pay the license of course there has probably been a little money lending but it might be called pawnbroking, but no store has ever gone into the business or done any considerable amount of such business. I don't think there is anything of the kind for such an establishment in Honolulu."

MAY RACE TO THE COAST

THREE FAST SAILING VESSELS MAY TRY SPEED.

Barkentine Planter Which Ran the Recent Race From the Coast Will not Be in Latest Event.

These are busy times for the Fearless as sailing vessels are constantly departing for the coast. Recently the barkentine Planter, the schooner Helene and the bark R. P. Rithet had a three cornered race from San Francisco to this port, the Planter winning by a day and the others finishing within a couple of hours of each other, the Rithet being last. It was hoped by the captains of these vessels that they would discharge their cargoes and get return cargoes in time to start together for San Francisco and repeat the race. Events have so occurred, however, that the three cornered race can not be repeated on the return trip.

The Planter sailed yesterday afternoon for San Francisco and the Helene does not expect to get away before tomorrow while the Rithet will probably not go before Monday. The difference in their time of departure will preclude the spirit of rivalry that existed when the three vessels started together from the Coast. The schooner Benicia expects to get away this afternoon for San Francisco, but if she is delayed and the Rithet sails tomorrow or Sunday there may still be a three cornered race between those vessels.

THE SHRINERS.

Dr. Louis Barth of Grand Rapids, one of the Shriners who pilgrimaged hither writes that the caravan arrived in Chicago April 18 and at Grand Rapids the next morning. He says every one of the pilgrims was delighted with the trip and with the Islands. Dr. Barth has given his impressions of the Islands in a series of articles published in Grand Rapids papers.

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WHO MADE THE NEW LAWS?

SMALL MINORITY GOT THE MOST BILLS THROUGH.

Republican Members of the Hopeless Minority Were Authors of the Important Acts.

"Who made the laws?" Independent need not all speak at once. The records of the legislative session just ended show that the Republican weak minority made more laws than the Home Rule majority.

The overwhelming majority in the late legislature did not do as much business, as the record shows, as the minority that was thought at the start to be so hopelessly tied up. Of twenty bills that became laws, 12 were introduced by Republicans. The most important legislation of the session came from Republicans.

In the house especially, the majority of over two-thirds seems to have been unable to act at all. Out of 14 bills that became laws from the House, 10 were first introduced by Republican, and Republicans were authors of nine of them. Robertson has six laws to his credit and Dickey three. To Dickey belongs the credit for having been the author of about the most important law of the session, the act imposing an income tax of two per cent on all incomes, over and above \$1,000. Robertson's laws deal largely with legal matters, correcting imperfections in court procedure. One of them provides for an additional circuit judge and another enables a circuit judge to do business in another circuit than his own, in cases where absence of one judge makes it advisable.

Representative Hoogs was the author of one house bill that passed very early in the session. It is the law prohibiting the employment of minors in places where intoxicating liquors are sold. Gillfillan introduced the bill providing for a commission to investigate Chinatown fire claims, for which the judicial committee made a substitute to include a number of amendments. The substitute passed.

On the Home Rule side in the house, Makinali, chairman of the committee on public lands and internal improvements, besides turning in more reports than any other two chairmen of committees, was author of two important bills that are laws. They provide for the naming of Honolulu streets and numbering of buildings on the streets throughout the city. Prendergast was the only other Independent who got a law through. He introduced the law fixing the territorial seal. These three laws are the net showing for Home Rule laborers in the house.

The Senate, where the Home Rule side were four Home Rule men and two Republicans. Cecil Brown is author of the law relating to gross cheat and Clarence Crabbe of the law prohibiting unlawful wearing of Grand Army badges. The Home Rule acts of the Senate that passed were none of them of general importance.

If the bills that got through and were rejected by the governor are included in the comparison it still appears that the big majority has little to show for having had a chance to use its power. There were only seven bills rejected by the governor and three of them, the county government act and two franchise laws, were acts of both parties.

One law to the credit of the Home Rule side is not in the above comparison for it is in a class by itself. It was passed over the governor's veto. This law is the one relating to the tax on female dogs.

RUSSEL TURNED DOWN.

Dr. Russel was one of the men turned down by the governor in the four-year term in the Senate. It is said that the reason was that the man from Olau voted with the Republicans to confirm McCandless, Lansing and J. F. Brown. Dr. Russel was president of the Senate at the beginning of the session.

ART RECEPTION.

The reception of Rice and Perkins at their new photographic studio, 144 Berea street near Fort was begun this afternoon at 2 o'clock. It will continue until 10 this evening. The reception will also be held during the same hours tomorrow. Very handsome studies are on exhibition.

ROWED AFTER HIS VESSEL.

This morning, just before the schooner Luka got away for Honolulu and Paaloa, a Japanese sailor went ashore to make a purchase of goods. During his absence the vessel sailed. The Jap was disconsolate when he found he had been left behind but he hired a boat and had one of the boat boys row him after the schooner. He caught the vessel in the harbor and got aboard.

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A COURT ROOM STARTLED

DISTRICT ATTORNEY SAYS HARD THINGS.

Charges Sodergren Decision to Have Been a Travesty on Justice—Scene in United States Court.

A most sensational scene was enacted in Judge Estee's court this morning. The twelve jurors who heard and decided the Sodergren case yesterday were charged in open court with making a mockery of justice by their verdict, and the whole panel was discharged. One of the jurors thus arraigned asked permission to reply to the statements made by United States Attorney Baird in denunciation of them, but was refused the opportunity by Judge Estee.

The circumstances of the incident were these: Captain Sodergren of the bark Hesper was tried a day or two ago on a charge of beating a seaman on the high seas, and was found guilty and sentenced to six months imprisonment. Yesterday he was tried on another charge of beating and assaulting the cabin boy Edward Hanlin.

The names of the jurors were J. H. Stelling, W. F. Sharratt, S. C. B. Sayre, Charles H. Carter, E. C. Rowe, E. C. Winston, O. G. Traphagen, W. L. Eaton, J. K. Marsberg, E. H. Adams, A. B. Springour and Edgar Henriques.

Yesterday afternoon a verdict of not guilty was rendered. The morning after the opening of court the names of the entire venire were called, and all were present. Judge Estee was then about to proceed with the trial of the next case on the calendar, that of William Walsh charged with assault and battery on the high seas on the same vessel and the same voyage. But at this point United States Attorney Baird arose and made his objection to the jury and the verdict it had brought in.

He declared that he could not get justice from such jurors, and as discharging this twelve juror panel, he said, "I believe however, that the boy must have been greatly frightened when he saw how painfully his brother met death, and that he has hidden himself in fear."

The news of the Papay's death was brought to his mother at about 8 o'clock and when she heard of it, she screamed, and not waiting one minute for explanation she came down town in agony. No coroner's inquest was held, as Mr. Hayseiden thinks that it was not necessary.

Papay had two other brothers who go to school with him, but today one of them stayed home. They go to the Catholic school, and although it is prohibited that any of the children should ride the cars these children from Porto Rico found it very convenient to ride, and thus reach home in a short time. The mother of the children has been sick for some time in the hospital and even now her health is very poor.

FIRE CLAIMS COURT.

Preparing to Begin Business Next Week.

The board of fire claims commissioners is awaiting the return of Judge A. N. Kepikal from Maui, before meeting to prepare for business. No quarters have been decided upon yet and none of the appointments of clerks, etc., have been made. Judge Kepikal is expected back next Monday, when the board will hold a meeting.

The quarters occupied by the Chamber of Commerce at the corner of Fort and Merchant streets, have been offered to the court and may be used for its sessions, though the rooms would be needed at times for the chamber of commerce. The members of the court want to get a court-room in the heart of the city, where it will be conveniently located for all who have business with the court.

Many applications have been received by the members of the court for the positions of clerks, bailiff, etc., and these will be considered on Monday.

HEALANI MINSTRELS TONIGHT.

The regular rehearsal of the Healan Minstrels will occur this evening promptly at 7:30 o'clock. Director John Piver is anxious to have a large attendance, especially of the chorus.

COPTIC FROM THE ORIENT.

The steamship Coptic was sighted from the Orient this afternoon shortly after 1 o'clock. She will leave some time tomorrow for San Francisco with mail.

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MET A HORRIBLE DEATH

PORTO RICAN BOY KILLED ON MAUI.

Stole a Ride on a Train and Fell Under the Wheels in Jumping Off—Death Was Instantaneous.

WAILUKU, April 29.—A most horrible death occurred this afternoon, at about 3:30 p. m. when Papay Belaski, a young Porto Rican about ten years old was the victim. He went to school this morning in company with his brother Juan Belaski. After school they always take advantage of a ride on the plantation train, which carries them near their home in the old Horner premises between Wailuku and Waihee.

As usual Papay and Juan boarded their trains at about 3:30 today, and were off for home. On reaching the path which led to their place Papay evidently jumped off the train which was going at a good speed. The train had a number of empty cars ahead of it, and Papay was in one of these as also his brother. On jumping the train he must have struck the embankment on the side of the track; he fell back a little and just then he was caught by the railroad cars, which mangled him horribly.

Manuel Enos, engineer on the locomotive Sarah, says that he saw Papay's brother jump off, and run in the direction of his home. None of the men on the train knew of the accident, and on their return from Waihee with a load of cane, the brakeman signalled the engineer to stop the train. The train stopped, and the body of Papay was found near the track. His skull was cracked in almost two parts, and death must have occurred immediately.

The body of the dead child was taken to the mill where it was examined by Dr. Weddick, who was summoned by Sheriff Hayseiden. The doctor decided that the boy came to his death by fracture of the skull. Mr. Hayseiden also summoned the father of the boy, who identified the body, and said that it was his son.

Juan, Papay's brother, has not been found up to the present writing (7 p. m.) and the police are in search of him. It is believed however, that the boy must have been greatly frightened when he saw how painfully his brother met death, and that he has hidden himself in fear.

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LEGISLATORS WONDER WHAT THEY MAY APPROPRIATE.

Income Tax Provisions Said to Conflict With the Old Tax Imposed on Property.

The only taxation law passed by the late legislature, the income tax measure, is regarded in some quarters as likely to cost the territory far more revenue than it will ever bring in. One view of the matter is that the income tax law practically repeals the property tax law that was in existence when the legislature met. With both laws in force, property is taxed for its full value and the income from the property is taxed as well. This is a double taxation system which some lawyers think the courts will not uphold, and as the income tax law is the latest expression of the legislature will it would naturally be held to be the one that should be sustained.

The case of the average sugar plantation is cited as an example. A plantation pays a property tax upon its lands under the old law, which has not been repealed, and under the new law just passed it is ordered to pay a tax of two per cent on the income brought in by the land already taxed.

The property tax brings in much more than the income tax will, so that the legislators who are about to meet and make appropriations think they need the property tax law if they are going to have anything to appropriate. The political situation, as far as the legislature is concerned, is very quiet today. The Home Rule side are not engaged in any canvassing now and nothing is being done yet to prepare for the work of the extra session which begins next Wednesday. The lawmakers want to know how much there will be for them to appropriate.

MARKED PROSPERITY.

The Provident Savings Life Assurance Society publishes its twenty-sixth annual statement. The report shows marked prosperity. Its figures indicate substantial increase in the items which build up a company. It will be noted that the company has returned to policy-holders since its organization, including the amount now held for their benefit, more than \$22,500,000. L. R. Burns, resident manager, office in Mason building.

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